



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PROPERTY NORTH OF SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS
U.S. Highway 1, Lexington, South Carolina**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract concerning the property north of the Safety-Kleen Systems Site. The contract will be between Three Rivers Land Development Group, LLC and DHEC.

If the contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Three Rivers Land Development to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site”, which has environmental pollution from former activities. Three Rivers Land Development did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control the pollution in order to reuse the property.

The specific parcels being purchased by Three Rivers Land Development consist of approximately 30.75 acres identified by tax map numbers 005596-01-013, 005596-01-014, 005596-01-015, and 005596-01-050. The Norfolk Southern Railway on the south side of the property separates it from the Safety-Kleen Systems Company Site. Other land uses around the property include undeveloped woodlands and new construction for a subdivision to the west, a single-family residence to the north, and undeveloped woodlands and commercial/industrial development to the south.

The adjacent Safety-Kleen Systems Company has a permit that allows it to store and treat hazardous wastes. Groundwater contaminated in the past by the Safety-Kleen property now moves under a portion of the property being purchased by the Three Rivers Land Development. Safety-Kleen has performed work under DHEC oversight to remove this groundwater contamination. Safety-Kleen will continue to test the groundwater until it is certain that all of the contamination has been removed. Also, there is a possibility that old pesticides and other farm chemicals may present on the property as a result of former agricultural use.

Three Rivers Land Development intend to develop the property for residential use. Due to the environmental pollution, Three Rivers Land Development wishes to enter into DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. In exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Program, DHEC will not hold Three Rivers Land Development responsible for the pre-existing pollution. If Three Rivers Land Development completes all requirements of the contract, they will be protected under State laws from being responsible to anyone affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not remove any responsibility that former owners or operators of the site have as a result of the contamination.

Under the proposed contract, Three Rivers Land Development will test samples of soil collected on the property. If contamination is found, Three Rivers Land Development will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings.

DHEC promotes redevelopment of Brownfields for beneficial reuse. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the

best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the Property North of the Safety-Kleen Systems Site proposed contract until May 14, 2008. Questions or comments may be directed to Gail Jeter, Project Manger, email jetergr@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896- 4069, or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov, TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to the attention of either individual at: SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.